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1. SUMMARY: NATURALIZED PNG CITIZENS NAMED TO WEST IRIAN REBEL CABINET DENIED BEING CONSULTED OR HAVING ACCEPTED, PROBABLY DEFUSING ISSUE FOR THEM. PERMISSIVE RESIDENTS YET TO BE HEARD FROM. BELIEVE WEST IRIANS HAD COUNTED ON FONMIN OLEWALE'S PERSONAL SYMPATHY FOR THEM. HOWEVER, IN FACE OF THE LOGICAL INDONESIAN REACTION AND HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO INDONESIA, OLEWALE HAD TO CONDEMN THEIR ACTIONS IN STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS. END SUMMARY.

2. NBC REPORTED EVENING APRIL 19 THAT NATURALIZED PNG CITIZENS WHO HAD BEEN NAMED TO WEST IRIAN "REBEL CABINET"
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STATED THEY NEITHER HAD BEEN CONSULTED ON BECOMING MINISTERS NOR ACCEPTED ANY SUCH DESIGNATION. ON LEAVING FOR AUSTRALIA FOR RESUMPTION OF TORRES STRAIT NEGOTIATIONS SAME DAY, FONMIN OLEWALE REITERATED VERY STRONG STATEMENTS REPORTED REFTEL. PROSPECTIVE MINISTERS HOLDING PERMISSIVE RESIDENCE YET TO BE HEARD FROM.

3. UPNG PROFESSOR CLOSE TO WEST IRIAN COMMUNITY IN PORT MORESBY TOLD US WEST IRIANS TWO-FACED. THOSE NOW DENYING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF APPOINTMENT TO A REBEL CABINET ARE ACTIVISTS AND USUALLY INFORMED AS TO WHAT JOUWE, PRAI AND REMAINDER OF MOVEMENT IS UP TO. THEY BELIEVE FONMIN OLEWALE IS PERSONALLY SYMPATHETIC TO THEIR CAUSE BUT DID NOT CALCULATE FACT THAT INDONESIAN FURY WOULD PROMPT OLEWALE TO TAKE STRONGEST POSSIBLE STAND. WE BELIEVE THIS ASSESSMENT TO BE ACCURATE ALTHOUGH AUSTRALIANS TENDING TO ATTRIBUTE INCIDENT TO WEST IRIAN NAIVETE. WEST IRIANS ALSO EITHER FAILED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VISIT OLEWALE WILL MAKE TO INDONESIA FOLLOWING TORRES STRAIT NEGOTIATIONS OR MIS-CALCULATED HERE, TOO, HOW A PRESUMABLY SYMPATHETIC OFFICIAL WOULD REACT.
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